

REMARKS

Claims 43-60 are in the application. Claims 1-37 had previously been canceled; Claims 38-42 are canceled herein. Claims 43-47 had originally been newly introduced in the above-mentioned parent application to the present application, Serial No. 09/907,314, by way of a Preliminary Amendment dated August 20, 2002, as stated in Applicants' previous Preliminary Amendment filed with the present application on October 31, 2003.

In that previous Preliminary Amendment, Applicants' undersigned representative inadvertently canceled Claims 25-37, which were intended to form the basis of the present divisional application, leaving only dependent Claims 38-47. Claims 38-42 depended, directly or indirectly, from Claim 23, while Claims 43-47 depended, directly or indirectly, from Claim 34. A review of the claims as originally filed in the grandparent application shows three sets of claims:

1. Claims 1-13: crossed-wire device (S.N. 09/282,048, filed March 29, 1999, now U.S. Patent 6,459,095, issued October 1, 2002);
2. Claims 14-24: method of fabricating a crossed-wire device (S.N. 09/907,314, filed July 17, 2001); and
3. Claims 25-37: method of operating a crossed-wire device (present application).

Accordingly, Claims 48-60 are a reinstatement of inadvertently canceled Claims 25-37. The dependencies of Claims 43-45 and 47 are appropriately amended to reflect the reinstatement.

The foregoing amendments and arguments are submitted to place the application in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to take such action. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number. HOWEVER, ALL WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE DIRECTED TO: IP ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL DEPARTMENT, M/S 35, HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY, P.O. BOX 272400, FORT COLLINS, CO 80527-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

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